In pursuance of ERC's recommendations for the Ministry (other than Prasar Bharati), 785 posts have been abolished so far and in pursuance of the ERC's recommendations for Prasar Bharati with regard to the implementation of Assessment Report, 1995 of SIU, 1,090 posts have been abolished so far.

Setting up of Khadi and Village Industries in Andhra Pradesh

*210. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Khadi and Village Industries set up under various programmes of Government through KVIC in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) how many million square metres of cotton khadi items have been manufactured by Khadi and Village Industries in the State during the last five years, year-wise, alongwith the value of these products;

(c) the number of persons employed in cotton khadi sector in the State during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the assistance Government are providing to the State's efforts to promote Khadi and Village Industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) 78 registered khadi institutions are implementing the schemes/programmes relating to khadi in Andhra Pradesh. The year - wise details of Village Industry (VI) units set up in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years (upto January 2006) under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) being implemented by the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), are given below:

Year	Number of units set up
2001-02	797
2002-03	1818
2003-04	1079
2004-05	1988
2005-06*	1447

* upto January 2006.

(b) and (c) The year-wise details of the quantity produced and value of production of cotton khadi items as well as the number of persons employed in the cotton khadi sector in Andhra Pradesh during the last four years, are given below:

Year	Production of cotton khadi items in Andhra Pradesh		Employment in cotton khadi sector in Andhra Pradesh
	Quantity (million Square metres)	Value (Rs. Lakh)	(Number of persons)
2001-02	2.718	1073.64	18000
2002-03	2.758	1080.77	20000
2003-04	2.804	1084.37	20000
2004-05	2.838	1184.21	23000

Date for the year 2005-06 are under compilation

(d) The Central Government provides grant to the KVIC for implementing schemes/programmes for the development of khadi and village industries throughout the country, including Andhra Pradesh. Loans are also provided by banks ar per the requirements of schemes/programmes.

NCERT's survey of schools

†*211. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has conducted a survey of schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that according to this survey, education standard in these schools has been found to be very dismal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducted a national survey on "Learning Achievement of Students at the end of Class Vth in 2002 whose report shows that the mean achievement

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.